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(U) Wikileaks Guidance From C/CMCG

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(U//~~FOUO~~) We are being asked many times each day now for guidance regarding the classification of information related to WikiLeaks. As professionals in this business we should all have the same story, so please look at the following guidelines and lets try to stay on message as we answer all the questions we've been getting:

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3) (U//~~FOUO~~) Media reports – including foreign media – that describe or even include portions or entire documents from one of these websites are not classified as long as they are maintained in the original context as being only media reports. As long as the reports are intact and have no US verification of their accuracy these reports are unclassified as they have appeared in the media.

6) (U//~~FOUO~~) Cleared persons who have copies of the leaked documents on their personal

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be found. If they have printed copies they must bring those copies to work for appropriate storage or destruction.

(U//~~FOUO~~) I realize there is a fine line between keeping a media report in context as an unverified media report and giving it some credibility simply by copying it and forwarding it or discussing it in some way that implies that the documents on the public website are in fact classified. We do not and must not declassify information simply because it was leaked and is in the public domain. Advocates for openness have made public statements regarding the apparent

(U//~~FOUO~~) All questions related to classification of these documents should be brought to CMCG. Questions related to declassification and release should be brought to C/IRRG and questions related to the record status of copies or requirements to retain copies once they are brought under CIA control should be referred to C/RMTG.

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